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Shirlee Dawn McDaniel

Woman's Club Member Has Winning Essay

Ms. Shirlee Dawn McDaniel, member of the Appomattox Woman's Club was the only member to participate in the Bicentennial Essay Contest from the local club...and her essay went as far as National Competetion. Her essay was written in the category "A Bicentennial View of Our American Heritage" and was titled, PETTICOAT LOYALTY.

PETTICOAT LOYALTY was written about many women and the role they played during the Revolution. Ms. McDaniel wrote "Strength and beauty graced many of the women who wore petticoats in Revolutionary days. With dignity and respect, some revealed their passion for justice and freedom.

"In the face of war, smallpox epidemics, checked only by primitive inoculation, violent dysentery that took relatives and friends, some of the ladies managed to run their farms alone, care for their children, and work for the Revolution."

The most outstanding woman written about and the woman that the most was written about in the essay was Martha Dandridge Washington, the wife of our first president, George Washington. Ms. McDaniel wrote that "Out of the eight long years of the war, the Washingtons spent only one year together in their home. Though Martha was a homebody, she abandoned Mount Vernon, denying herself its comfort and safety each winter during the war to bring encouragememt, food, and a woman's comfort to the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and his troops. She often remarked in later life that, 'it had been my fortune to hear the first cannon at the opening and the last at the closing' of the Revolution." Truly the women played an important role in their time.

Shirlee Dawm McDaniel, a native of Lynchburg, was formerly employed as a pubic relations employee of the Depatment of Recreation and Parks in Richmond. She wrote stories for each of the city's four bureaus: The Bureau of Recreation, Parks and Cemeteries, and the Bureau of Drams. One of her articles, "Cemeteries CAN Be Beautiful! ...and ARE in Richmond" was published in CONCEPT, The Journal of Creative Ideas for Cemeteries. She attended Lynchburg Coillege and Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond where she took business Administration and studied Journalism and took voice.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maynard B. MCDaniel. She has one sister, Kitty McDaniel of Lynchburg.

At present, Shirlee is taking a correspondence course in Journalism with the Famous Writers School located in Westport, Connecticut.

Hollywood

We were so thankful for the nice rain we had during the week end.

It was good to see Mr. George Jennings and Mrs. Walter Shupe at church Sunday.

Relatives and friends are praying Mrs. Otis Smith and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins may soon be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sells and Mr. Fred Sells, of Princeton, W. Va., spent Thursday night with Mrs. Mary Bagby. Those calling to see them were Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodall, Mrs. Bill Watson, William and April and Miss Julia Wingfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith, Jr. and Mrs. C. R. Banton visited Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Grover Smith, Sr. and daughter, of Williamson, W. Va., and his sister, Mrs. Rosa Marcum, of Roanoke, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sells and Mr. Fred Sells visited Mrs. C. R. Banton and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith at Holiday Inn in Princeton, W. Va., Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville spent Thursday and Friday with Mrs. W. T. Covington, Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Miss Julia Wingfield spent several days last week in Roanoke with Mr. Wingfield's brothers and their families.

Mrs. Vara Robertson of Lovingston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and family. She and Mr. and Mrs. Webb attended the Morris reunion Sunday in Appomattox. They had a good crowd. A good time together and lots of good food.

Mrs. Bill Watson and children ate supper with Mrs. Mary Bagby Friday night. Mr. Alfred Almond and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner were callers in this home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Turns of Rustburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence, Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Mrs. W. T. Covington Sunday.

Mr. Joe Goin called to see Mrs. C. R. Banton and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith Friday morning. Mrs. John Goin visited Mrs. Banton Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent several days in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. Arron Wilson and family. On Friday they went to King's Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jennings and children of Christiansburg, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and family.

Mrs. Belva Markham, daughter and granddaughter of Gretna, were visitors of Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith Sunday. Mrs. Sam Evans and Mrs. Myrtle Scruggs visited in this home last Thursday.

The members of Hollywood Church will honor Miss Lelia Maxwell with a shower of wedding gifts Sunday morning, August 15, after Sunday School. Each one is invited to bring her a gift and leave in room adjoining the Ladies Adult Class.

Oakville

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Snead of Charleston, West Virginia are spending several weeks in the home of Mrs. Maggie Gardner and Ethel.

Mrs. J. I. Moore, Mrs. M. A. Hunter and Mrs. M. W. Drinkard entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ashly Rucker of Richmond with a luncheon on August 4, 1976 in the home of Mrs. Drinkard. Other guests for the luncheon were Mr. Louis Moore, Mrs. Tommy Drinkard, Mark, Scott and Jeff and Mrs. Wayne Irby and David. In the afternoon Mrs. Garland Burcher called in this home. Later in the afternoon they motored to Beckham to visit Mrs. S. G. Martin and reminisced about the "olden days" there.

The Pastor Speaks

True Greatness

Men who are great in the eyes of men, are men of great deeds which are well publicized such as generals, athletes, politicans, etc. But the real reasons that made them great has been a publicity agent.

The great military genius of Robert E. Lee is well known. But he would have been great even if he had not been a military man. His wisdom - a God given gift was by far his greatest gift.

Lee was once asked his opinion of a fellow officer and gave a very favorable report of the man. One of his aides hearing his report spoke up - "General have you not heard what awful things he said about you." The General answered "Son, I was asked my opinion of him not his opinion of me."

"Hate stirs up old quarrels, but love overlooks insults." Prov. 10:12 (New Living Bible)

Rev. Cecil V. Dalton, Pastor
Appomattox C. H.
Presbyterian Church

Those visiting Mrs. Maggie Gardner and Ethel during the week were Mrs. Alice Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Mr. Richard Martin and Wes, Mr. David Drinkard, Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cawthorne and Mrs. Russell Covington and Jane Russell.

Mr. Harold Martin of the Medical Care Center in Lynchburg spent the week end home with his family.

The Mt. Comfort United Methodist Women will meet at the church Thursday night at 8.

TOPS

The Appomattox TOPS Club is beginning to hold meetings in Concord at the home of Mrs. Love Foster.

For more information, call Rachel McGhuey at work, 845-7081, extension 38. The weigh-in will be at 6:30 p.m. with meeting time at 7 p.m. Mon., Aug. 16, 1976.

If you would be interested in starting a new club or transferring to the Hixburg Club, call Gaye Stafford.

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Sunday School Lesson For Sunday, August 15,1976

Topic: The Bible and Social Action

Scripture: Exodus 5-6: 9; Jeremiah 34: 8-17; James 1:22-2:20

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

For some reason, even some of the most profound theologians and thorough Biblican scholars tend to go to extremes and emphasize one position to the exclusion of the other. So we have seen some maintain that the Christian faith has its basis in the Jesus of history and others in the Christ of faith

This week's International Sunday School lesson calls attention to another division between extremes, as old as Christianity and a major issue today. Among some Christians social action is a dirty phrase, as they insist on the supremacy of orthodox doctrine or evangelism. With other social action is the reason for the Church's existence. Many Evangelical Christians, among them the Rev. Billy Graham, President Harold J. Ockenga of Gordon College, the Rev. John R.W. Stott of London and the magazine Christianity Today, stress the importance of all, orthodoxy of faith, evangelism and social action. In their stance they take a solidly Biblical position, as succinct summarized in James (2:18)."I by my works will show you faith."

The Scriptures abound in examples of and calls to social concern and action. The laws given Israel enjoined relief of the poor and ministry to their need. If for any reason an Israelite became the salve of another Israelite, he could legally be held in slavery no more than six years; under the law of Moses he had to be freed the seventh year. This law was not observed, however. Oppression of the poor was condemmed by the prophets, Amos being a notable example. Injustice, short weight and measure, exorbitant price, usary are all condemmed in the Bible.

Deliverance of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt is a prime example of God's concern for the oppressed. That God should be concerned for those who suffer oppression and injustice and for those who are poor in this world's goods should not be surprising. For all people are God's creation, made in His image. Or course He loves us all and is concerned for us all. Because God loves and is concerned for everyone made in His image, all who love God and believe in Him should love and be concerned for all whom he loves.

Jesus taught and practiced love and concern for all, regardless of circumstances or condition. His healing ministry was social action. At its beginning, the Church engaged in social action, in providing food and other necessities for its poor members. Paul took an offering among the churches of Greece and Asia Minor for the relief of needy Christians in Jersaleum. After Christianity became the official religion of the states of Europe and had settled into a deadening legalism, provision for the care of the poor was made from taxes levied for the support of the Church. A more personal ministry to the poor and afflicted was carried on by certain orders of monks, both in monasteries and as they traveled through the country.

After the disestablishment of the Anglican and Congregational Churches in American states, the care of the poor was taken over by the state, but many congregations assisted their members and neighbors who were in need. The real awakening to social concerns amongAmerican Christians - came in the early 19th century, when many Christians became concerned over slavery and intemperance in the use of alcoholic beverages. John Holt Rice of Union Seminary, then at Hampden-Sydney, called whiskey and slavery the greatest evils of the day.

Many Christians became active in the American Colonization Society (organized in 1816), which encouraged emancipation of slaves and their return to Africa. The republic of Liberia was established by slaves freed under this program. Abner W. Clopton founded the Virginia Temperance Society at Ash Camp Baptist Church in Charlotte County in 1826, the second temperance society in the nation. Both issues of slavery and temperance became divisive in the churches, as other social issues since have proved divisive. But the clear Scriptural teaching is against oppression of or injustice to any human being and against anything which is degrading to the human individual.

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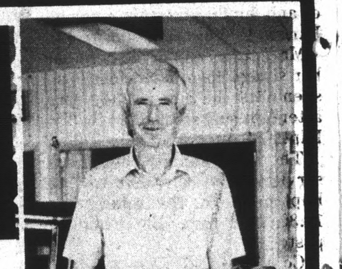

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"God is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kalding, Denise, Mark left Tuesday for their home in Thawville, Ill., after a week's stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Mrs. Eloise and Nina Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and grandson, Joe Wheeler, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Thursday night.

Mrs. Hazel Gallespie returned Tuesday from a visit with her sister in Greenville, S.C.

The Farm Bureau picnic was attended by a large number from this part of the county.

Mrs. Steve Tanner has her two sisters visiting her for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent, Rhonda and Dana spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

We express deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Tommy Tanner. But God had need for her.

All were very thankful for the shower of rain we had Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Barrell went home Friday.

Mrs. Becky Shanks spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. John Farrar, at Evergreen.

The visiting preacher could not get to Hebron Sunday on account of sickness. Mr. Dan Carson gave a grand talk on Revelations. We want to thank him for his inspiring talk.

Clover Hill

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Eccl. 11:6

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hix and sons, of Yonkers, N.Y., are visiting family and friends here for a few weeks.

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of the late Staff Sgt. James C. Robinson on last week. May God ever bless the family in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell P. White are still visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leary Spradley in Michigan.

Little Rickey Walker, of New City, is visiting his grandmother and family here this week in Farmville, Va.

Mrs. Lucy Mann had both of her sisters from out-of-state to spend last week with her and attend revival at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

There will be regular services at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Miller, pastor.

Come out and share in your fellowship.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the late Mr. John Sanders on last week.

The Holiness Gospel Singers of Pamplin will render a full program at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church on the second Sunday in September at 3 p.m. Come out and be with us.

See you next week.

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